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## **AMENDEMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 15 of page 15 to read as follows:

-- In single variable testing, it was known that the DTPA anhydride/lysine molar ratio was important, and that ratios in excess of 6 yielded essentially similar results. Therefore, the ratio of DTPA anhidride anhydride to lysine residue ratio was set at or above 6 for the entire DOE, and not included as an independent variable. Temperature was also known to be a factor, but appeared non-linear, and was included in the DOE. --